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*We shall place a star against items, under the head of 'New Mills,' and 'Enlargements and Improvements,' which have been mentioned in any way before. Items without a star are mentioned for the first time.

## New Mills.

**Cotton.**

—FLORIDA, Lake City. The Lake City Mfg. Co. has been chartered with capital stock of $100,000. Subscriptions are now being solicited. George R. Latham, of Buckhannon, W. Virginia, is interested.

—GEORGIA, Swainsboro. There is talk of starting a cotton factory at this place. Judge G. S. Rountree and George Bell are interested.

—SOUTH CAROLINA, Charleston. It is reported that an Eastern capitalist is in correspondence with parties at this place, with a view to establishing a cotton mill here, to be worth $500,000. No names are given out.

**Knit.**

—*CONNECTICUT, Danielsonville. We have the official information that H. E. Wilson & Co., reported last week, commenced March 26, on the manufacture of gents' and children's half hose. Their machinery is the latest improved. They now have seven knitting machines, but expect to enlarge in about a month.

## Enlargements and Improvements.

**Cotton.**

—CONNECTICUT, Stamford. The Bons Thread Co. are running full time with nearly a full force of employees. This company has been very successful since starting its plant in Stamford. If business continues as good after tariff legislation has been settled they will increase their capacity to one third, particularly in the finishing department. In each department we understand they will duplicate the machinery they are now using.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Fall River. The Fall River Manufactory is reorganizing its mill and putting in new and modern machinery. The mill will be closed down for three months.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Conshohocken. J. Elwood Lee & Co. are building an addition and putting in new machinery to their mill, for the manufacture of medicated cotton.

—SOUTH CAROLINA, Fort Mill. The Millfort Mill Co. will want and has not yet contracted for about 100 looms and shafting.

**Woolen.**

—MASSACHUSETTS, Ware. A new 300 h. p. engine is being placed in the woolen mill of C. A. Stephens & Co.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia. George Campbell & Co. are building a new two-story brick addition to their mill, which will be 90 by 40 feet. They manufacture worsted yarns.

**Knit.**

—NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte. The hosiery mill of R. M. Oates, Jr. has shut down for about a month, during which time the machinery will be repaired and rearranged.

—RHODE ISLAND, Providence. The Vesta Knitting Mills are now making an addition to their hosiery department. They have run steadily through the business depression.

**Miscellaneous.**

—OHIO, Cincinnati. E. H. Wuerdeman, 60 West 13th Street, will build a large addition to his dye house, which will double its capacity.

—RHODE ISLAND, Saylesville. Important improvements are being made at the Glenlyon Dye Works. Business has so increased at the dye works as to necessitate running over time to fill orders.

## Mills Starting Up.

**Cotton.**

—CONNECTICUT, Tariffville. The Frank Wilkinson Mfg. Co. lace curtains, have started up on full time with a slight reduction in wages. The mill has been running half time for several months past.

—DELAWARE, New Castle. The Friton Cotton Mills started up March 28, after a shut down of two weeks.

—NEW JERSEY, Millville. The Millville Mfg. Co. shirtings and linings, have resumed operations on full time, with a slight reduction in wages. This mill has been running half time.

—RHODE ISLAND, Saylesville. The Crefeld Mills, which have been shut down for the past five months, will start up on a new line of work, and are having new machinery put in for the same. They will manufacture insulated wire.

**Woolen.**

—CONNECTICUT, Stafford Springs. The Central Woolen Co. have started up their mills in part.

—DELAWARE, New Castle. The woolen mills of Jas. G. Knowles have resumed, after being idle for two weeks.

—ILLINOIS, Hanover. The Hanover Woolen Mills have started up, with a cut in the wages of from 10 to 20 per cent.

—MAINE, Guilford. The Piscataquis Woolen Co. has started up its mills on full time.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Blackinton. The wool department of the Blackinton Company mills will start up on full time, after a shutdown of two weeks. Their dyeing department which has been running on half time will resume in full.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Chicopee. The underwear factory of Bramley, Taylor & Co. started up March 26, with a small force.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Huntington. The Highland Mills, 6 set, fancy cassimeres, are preparing to start up. They have been idle for five months.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Lowell. It is expected that the Middlesex Mills will start up the first of April.

—NEW YORK, Clayville. The Empire Woolen Co. have started up in full after being shut down for several months.

—ONTARIO, Marmora. The woolen mill at this place, owned by the Pearce Co., Ltd., has been leased by D. Mitchell, who will put it in operation.

—RHODE ISLAND, Burrillville. J. D. Nichols & Sons will start up their Oak Valley Woolen Mill on full time. This mill is a 5-set plant, having 18 broad looms, on fancy cassimeres. It has been shut down for ten weeks.

—RHODE ISLAND, Stafford Springs. The Warren Woolen Co. have started up their mills on full time, with a 10 per cent. reduction in wages.

—RHODE ISLAND, Woonsocket. The mill of the Perserverance Worsted Co. will start up April 2, after being shut down for two months. This mill operates 75 broad looms.

—VERMONT, Winooski. The Burlington Woolen Mills, a 25-set plant, started up on full time March 26.

**Knit.**

—NEW YORK, Amsterdam. Work has been resumed in the mills of the Amsterdam Knitting Co. They have been closed for several months.

—NEW YORK, Cohoes. Work has been resumed in the knitting mill of Clarke & Holsapple.

**Silk.**

—PENNSYLVANIA, Catasauqua. Work will be resumed in the mills of the Unicorn Silk Mfg. Co., April 2, with a full force.

## Mills Shutting Down.

**Woolen.**

—MASSACHUSETTS, Pittsfield. The lower mill of the J. L. & T. D. Peck Mfg. Co. has shut down.

—NEW YORK, Astoria. The Astoria Silk Mills shut down March 27, owing to a strike among the operatives.

**Knit.**

—CONNECTICUT, Plainville. The Plainville Mfg. Co., manufacturers of ladies' and children's knit underwear, have closed their mills for a few weeks.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Lowell. The Pickering Knitting Co., whose mills have been running on reduced time, have shut down indefinitely.

## Fires.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Westfield. The building occupied by the Textile Mfg. Co., makers of casket trimmings, was destroyed by fire March 28. The loss on the building is $5000 and on stock $30,000. Fully insured.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia. The woolen mill operated by Carson & Hamill, trustees for the creditors of Albert Cranshaw & Co., was destroyed by fire March 25. They operated 965 looms on flannels, dress goods and ginghams. Loss $89,000 covered by insurance. Connected with this building was the three story annex occupied by the American Yarn Print Works, John Forrest, proprietor, whose stock was saturated with water, causing a loss of $10,000. Insured.

## Failures and Suspensions.

—IOWA, Carroll. The Acme Knitting Works have been placed in the hands of a receiver, A. U. Quint. Financial trouble between the stockholders and the lessee, Theo. Fettig, is said to be the cause.

## Facts and Gossip.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Farley. The Orange Knitting Co. has been reorganized. J. B. Farley, E. C. Tolman and George E. Monroe have withdrawn, and in the future the business will be conducted by D. E. Farley and George R. Ruffle.

—MASSACHUSETTS, North Andover. Mr. Eben Sutton, treasurer and agent of the North Andover Mills, it is understood, expects to retire about the middle of April, when the control will be assumed by Mr. John H. Sutton of the Great Falls Woolen Co. Mr. Sutton, it is understood, has no definite plans for the future.

—NEW JERSEY, Camden. Ackroyd & Scull, manufacturers of worsted yarns, contemplate moving their plant to Chester, Penn., on account of the high taxes at Camden.

—NEW JERSEY, Lake View. The P. & I. Bannigan Mfg. Co. will retire from the silk business. The stock is to be sold at auction in New York.

—NEW JERSEY, Paterson. The Butler Silk Mfg. Co. has been sold to Robert Collinge, Edward J. Nolan and James L. Nolan. They will start up as soon as the sale is approved by the Court of Chancery. Suit had been brought against the company (Reported September, 1893) to set aside as fraudulent a mortgage claimed to have been given at a time when the company was insolvent.

—NEW YORK, Esperance. The mill property of the Esperance Knitting Co. has been sold by the receiver, W. B. Dunlap, to the following parties, all of Esperance: John Van Vechten, James Van Vechten, Edwin Dennison, Horace Avery, Albt. Vrooman and Chas. Lair. The mill was sold for $3800. It is not known what the new owners will do with the property.

—NEW YORK, Steinway, L. I. The Oakes Mfg. Co. has been incorporated to make and sell dyes pigments, etc. Capital stock $300,000. The directors are Francis J. Oakes, F. J. Oakes, Jr., of Long Island City, and Wm. R. Christmas, of New York.

—NORTH CAROLINA, Greensboro. The Guilford Cotton Mills, formerly known as the Crown Mills, are up for sale, we are informed, the proprietor, J. W. Alspaugh, having assigned for $60,000. This mill was formery operated by R. E. Causey, Amos Regan and O. S. Causey.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia. No statement has as yet been given out in regard to the condition of the accounts of Wood, Brown & Co., the wholesale dry goods firm which recently suspended. George L. Crawford the assignee, is now busy making an inventory. It is believed that the assets of the firm are about $2,000,000, the liabilities $1,500,000. No statement of Richard Wood's personal liabilities can yet be made. Mr. Wood is said to have invested about $700,000 in various enterprises outside the firm of Wood, Brown & Co., and this money, it is believed will be used for the benefit of the creditors.

—SOUTH CAROLINA, Union. The Union Cotton Mills Co. have filed notice with the secretary of state that they have increased their capital stock to $125,000. This is a new company which started production about March 1, on yarns and sheetings.